Modern equipments in Government hospitals

3182. SHRI K. RAMA MOHAN A RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that important equipments in Government Hospitals such as endoscopies, etc. arc not available in sufficient quantities thereby creating problems for the patients; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to purchase the latest equipments in all Government hospitals ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA);

(a) and (b) No, Sir. Essential hospital equipments for diagnosis and treatment of the patients are available in Central Government Hospitals located in Delhi. Further, strengthening of the hospitals with modern equipments is a continuous process, carried out as per the needs and resources available.

Imported food items under PFA Act

3183. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that certain imported items such as juices, frozen dessert, etc. do not come within the purview of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to improve the standards of testing of food quality and for having better food security mechanism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA):

(a) to (b) Imported food items are required to meet the standards prescribed in the Rules made under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 for all the products listed therein.

(c) Food control infrastructure at Central and State level including Food Testing Laboratories are proposed to be strengthened under the capacity Building Project which is to be negotiated with World Bank for assistance.